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Such is the connection of this church with the Sloorville church, that it is deemed proper to insert here the Origin of that Church.

This, in the Providence of God, is intimately connected with the efforts of a single Individual, Deac Abraham Haskell Johnson. Officer of the Congregational Church in Thomson. On removing to this place in 1834, He found the people in this vicinity without the regular institutions of the Gospel, and Endeavoured at once to turn their attention to the use of such means as were at command for their improvement in Religious knowledge. At his suggestion, a Sabbath School was Instituted in the Vicinity, but through officious interference of the Minister, the School at first came under the direction of the Unitarian Society in Petersham. Dissatisfaction with Unitarian instruction soon arose to some extent, and resulted in a division of the School. Those who had a preference for Evangelical sentiments, requested Deacon Haskell to become their Instructor. After some hesitation he complied, and under his Superintendence their numbers gradually Increased untill at length, amid various discouragements, the School was permanently located in The Village where the House of Worship now stands. The interest in the Sabbath School led to the adoption of measures to secure preaching, at first, only once On the Sabbath, untill in the Spring of 1836.

The Writer was invited under the direction of the Brookfield Association, to labor in this place Statedly. He preached his first discourse June 26th 1836. in the Hall where the Sabbath School were accustomed then to meet. This Hall is in the two Story dwelling house standing at the North West angle formed by the two Roads intersecting each other at right angles. The House is a few Rods East of the Meeting House. In this Hall, once occupied as a Ball Chamber, the School met, public Worship was held, The Church was Organized, and the Writer was Ordained.

Amasa Dewey

Stoorsville Oct. 16. 1839.

A True Copy from the Records of the Stoorsville Church.

John H. Farnsworth
Clerk

The existence and labors of the Church described above are regarded as preparatory to the Organization of the Church at Dana Center. It was ever assisted by the Mass. Home Missionary Society. And this Society in connection with the Ministers of the Brookfield Association decided in the Spring of 1852 that, in their judgment, the Centre of Operations ought to be at Dana instead of Stoorsville. Accordingly the Mass. Home Missionary Soc. withdrawed its aid from Stoorsville and appropriated it at Dana. This change was effected on the ground of an apparent prospect of accomplishing, by so doing

A greater amount of good. The alteration did not imply the destruction of any good work, But the carrying out of the Moorsville Enterprise, with an Improved prospise of winning souls from error and Sin to the truth and Godliness. These steps led to the following organization of the Church at Dana Centre.

By Letters Missive from John Heep and eleven others, Residents of Dana and desirous of being Organized into an Orthodox Congregational Church at Dana Centre, September 28th 1852, an Ecclesiastical council was Convened to consider the Expediency of such Organization and should it be deemed expedient, to effect it.

" present, from the Church in,

1st Templeton,	Rev L. Sabin,	Pastor.
" " "	Deac. B. Hawkes,	Delegate.
Barre " "	Rev. C. M. Nickels.	Pas
" " "	Deac. O. Allen	Del
Hardwick " "	Deac " B. Lincoln.	Del
Greenwich "	Rev " E. P. Blodgett.	Pas
" " "	Bro " T. Gilmore.	Del
Enfield "	Rev " R. McEwen "	Pas
" " "	Bro " D. Knowlt "	Del

Rev. L. Sabin, was Chosen Moderator, and the Rev. R. McEwin, Scribe.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The Credentials of the Parties, wishing to be Organized into a Church were presented to the Council and facts and statements offered in their behalf, touching the expediency of the proposed Organization, Articles of Faith and a form of Covenant were submitted, Considered by the Council, and after a few Amendments, approved.

Persons not named in the letter Missive were Examined as to their Christian experience, with a View to their showing in the proposed Organization, by Profession of Faith, and were accepted.

The whole matter was then taken into Prayerful Consideration, by the Council, whereupon they came Unanimously to the Result.

1st. That it is expedient to Organize a Church as Proposed at Dana Centre.

2nd. That the persons Named as follows, thirteen, by Letters from other Churches, and five, on Condition of their profession of faith, be and are hereby constituted a Church, to be known as the Orthodox Congregational Church at Dana Centre.

[illegible] Thos.
[illegible] Chamberlain
[illegible] Isaac Fish
[illegible] Daniel Lawrence
[illegible] Wm. H. Hill
[illegible] Caleb Hill
[illegible] Solendar H. Lawrence
[illegible] Norman Northam
[illegible] Nelson B. Northam
[illegible] Sarah A. Lawrence
[illegible] Jno. H. Lawrence
[illegible] Chas. Johnson
[illegible] Nelson B. Hunter [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

Prayer was then taken for the future recognition and consecration, [illegible] in [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] acts and services.

The Council proceeded at the appointed hour to business, [illegible] Wead, the persons constituting the prayer known appointed to the Articles of faith, and the Covenant. The Prayer of Consecration was offered by Br. [illegible] C. H. Ricketts and the Articles of the Church by the Rev. W. H. McEwen. The above were accepted [illegible] of Council, and the Council was then adjourned.

[illegible]

[illegible]

A true copy. [illegible] Clerk

[illegible] the Bristol Congregational Church
[illegible] Bristol April 22d 1833.
John H. Farnsworth was chosen Clerk,

[illegible] 1833. Mrs Mary H. Farnsworth [illegible]
[illegible] Church and recommended to the Bristol
Congregational Church in Bristol, N.H.
John H. Farnsworth
Clerk

[illegible] was voted to spend in the [illegible]
[illegible] Solomon Blanchard as the Delegate
of the Church in Bristol, it was voted to meet
with the Council. John H. Farnsworth was
chosen delegate.
John H. Farnsworth
Clerk

[illegible] was voted to be in the [illegible]
[illegible] it was
voted to meet with the Council. [illegible]
[illegible] Church.
John H. Farnsworth, Clerk

June 9 John H. Farnsworth was chosen delegate to
attend the Convention of Churches to be held at
Sam Villes June 11th.
John H. Farnsworth. Clerk

* Brother Solomon Blanchard Died June 26th.

1853 Deacon L. H. Thurnwood Mr Jesse Spooner and Mrs Marilla Houghton, were received by letter into full communion with this church Feby 24. 1853.

John A. Thurnwood
Clerk

July 9 The new House of Worship was raised.

Aug 14 This church being invited to sit in council to advise an relation to the dismission of our pastor Mr Packard of Spencer, it was voted to comply with the request. Deac L. H. Thurnwood was chosen accordingly.

John A. Thurnwood
Clerk

Sept 24 The Church met at the House of the Rev Mr Keep to consider the expediency of inviting the Rev John Keep to become their Pastor. The meeting was opened with prayer by the rev Mr Keep, after he withdrew. The church proceeded to the choice of moderator, when Deacon L. Thurnwood was chosen. Each member present expressed their opinion in the matter. The question being decided in the negative, [illegible] stood five in the affirmative. [illegible] the negative, it appears that there was a unanimous assent to the installation of the Rev [illegible] of the following nature.

Voted Jetson [illegible]
wo, Silas A. Johnson
John H. Farnsworth,
Voted to Dissolve the Meeting.
John H. Farnsworth
(Canaan, [illegible] 1853) Clerk

Mrs. Laura C. Spooner was received into this Church by Letter November 4th 1853 from the late Evangelical Church, Moorsville)
John H. Farnsworth,
Clerk

A meeting of the Orthodox Congregational Church of Canaan, Hartford was held at the House of the Rev John Shepherd Canaan Sept 24th 1853,

Canaan March 28. 1853.
The Orthodox Congregational Church held their Meeting at the house of the Rev John Shep, according to previous Notice for electing Officers, Rev Mr Shep in the Chair.
The Meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator, and reading of select portions of Scripture, with appropriate remarks,
Voted to proceed to the Choice of Two Deacons
John H. Farnsworth and,
Jetson Spooner were chosen.

Decr 28. 1853. Deacon L. H. Shumway was at his Request dissmised from this church and recommended to the Orthodox Congregational church in Barre.

John W. Farnsworth
Clerk

Articles of Faith.

We believe in God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, whose ~~xxxxxxxx~~ infinite perfections entitle him to the throne of the Universe, and to our strongest confidence, warmest, love, and Deepest Veneration.

2nd.

We believe that the Bible is the word of God, to whose authority all men ought implicitly and Unquestionably to bow, in Obeying the precepts, Receiving the Doctrines, and maintaining the Institutions which it enjoins.

3d.

We believe that all men before conversion live in habitual disobedience to the authority of God and in so living, are subject to the Divine displeasure, and ~~exposed~~ exposed to ~~the~~ the Eternal Death.

4th.

We believe in Jesus Christ the Saviour of the World, through whose mediation by teaching, suffering

Atoning, and Example here, and intercession in Heaven, believers attain to eternal life.

5th.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, by whose influences, men are convinced of sin, converted to God, and led along the path of duty to their home in Heaven.

Eph: 1. 4.

6th.

We believe that Repentance towards God, and faith towards our Lord Jesus Christ, are the conditions of present Salvation; and that perseverance in faith and holiness, until the close of probation, is Indispensible to Eternal life.

7th.

We believe that all men must appear before the judgment seat of Christ; to receive at his hands, a retribution, suited to the character which each of them, amidst the scenes of probation, may have gained.—"The wicked to go away into everlasting punishment, and the righteous into life eternal.

8th.

We believe in the Christian Sabbath, and in the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, as Institutions to be perpetuated in the Church of God, through every period of its militant state. it being understood that the proper subjects of baptism are Believers and their house holds.

Terms of Membership.

Persons offering themselves for admission to this Church shall give satisfactory evidence of their regeneration. They shall assent to this Constitution, by setting their Names to the same, and, having been baptized, shall be admitted to all the privileges of the Church, and subject to its discipline, notice of the same, in all ordinary cases having been given to the Church, at least two weeks previous. Coming from another Church of Christ, they shall bring a certificate of membership, and letter of Recommendation.

2nd

Members of this Church, shall totally abstain from the manufacture, sale, and use of all Intoxicating liquors except for Mechanical, Chemical, or Medicinal purposes, and in all their relations, ecclesiastical and secular, they shall exert themselves to put an end to the existence of such liquors, unless for the above excepted purposes.

3d.

The members of this Church shall not engage in Slaveholding, or apologizing for slavery.

4th

This Church, in all its transactions shall make no distinction whatever, on account of Color, or Nation, but shall receive all persons according to their Moral and Religious worth.

5th.

The members of this Church shall not knowingly assist in "setting up the workers of iniquity to places of power" believing that "he, that rules over men, must be just, ruling in the fear of God"

2nd Samuel 23. 3 v Ex 18. 21.

Rules of Practice.

All Questions of Discipline to be decided by the Church.

Any member subject of discipline, who is dissatisfied with such decision, may obtain a mutual council from three Evangelical Churches, and their advice to be final Decision.

2nd.

The Pastor in charge shall be Moderator of the Church Meetings, and if he be not present, the Church shall appoint some brother to act in his place.

3d.

A correct record of the transactions of this Church shall be made by a Clerk, appointed by the Church for that purpose.

4th.

Any Member in regular standing, wishing to leave this Church and unite with some other Church of Christ, shall, on application, have a letter of dismission and recommendation, by a Vote of the Church, certified by the Clerk.

Each member of this church, to be at liberty to contribute for Missionary and other benevolent Object: to such Societies, and through such Channels as they shall choose.

6th.

This church extends the hand of fellowship to all the churches of our Lord Jesus Christ, who preach and honor him.

7th.

At the Sacrament of the Lords Supper, an invitation shall be given to all members of Communion churches, in regular standing in such churches, excepting Slave-holders and merchants of Human Souls, and Advocates of Intoxicating Liquors as a drink, to unite with us in the sacred Ordinance.

8th.

In cases of Discipline, this church shall govern themselves by Established by our Lord Jesus himself, in Matthew 18:c. 15, 16, 17. and enforced by the Apostle in first Corinthians, 5:c. 11. 13.

Covenant.

You do now in the presence of the Heart-searching God and this assembly, sincerely and solemnly separate yourselves from the world, to take the Vows of God upon you.

You take the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour from Sin and Hell; the Holy Ghost to be your Sanctifier, Comforter and Guide; and the Holy Scriptures to be your rule of Conduct through life.

You do now renounce all ungodliness and every worldly lust;" promising to practise Temperance and self-denial, with Purity both in thought and demeanor ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~

You also promise to labor for the conversion of sinners, to "plead the cause of the poor and needy;" to "visit the Fatherless and Widows in their affliction;" and to "do good unto all men as you have opportunity."

Finally, you promise to observe this solemn Covenant with God and this Church, until by death or otherwise you are regularly removed.

Do you thus promise?

We then, Members of this Church do most affectionately and joyfully receive you into our Sacred Communion and fellowship, promising by the assistance of Divine grace to watch over and admonish you in the meekness and gentleness of Christ, to the mutual edification of one another in the faith and fellowship of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

1853 [illegible]

Lenox November 15th 1853.

A Council convened by Letters Missive for the Installation of the Rev John Keep as pastor of the Congregationalist Church in Lenox Centre was called to order by Rev Martin Tupper and the same was Chosen Moderator and the Rev E. P. Blodgett Scribe.

After Prayer by the Moderator it appeared that the following churches were represented by Pastor and Delegate.

Church in Warren. Rev. L. M. Nickels. Pastor.
. Bro. Spencer Field. Del.
Church in N. Ware. Rev. E. L. Colton . Pastor.
. Bro. Otis Lane . Del.
Church in Enfield. Rev. R. McEwin . Past.
. Deacon. L. Daniels . Del.
Church in Greenwich. Rev. E. P. Blodgett. Past.
Church in Hardwick. Rev. M. Tupper . Pastor.
. Deacon. P. Chandler. Del.
Church in Pembleton. Rev. L. Sabin . Pastor.

In addition to the above Dismissed Church Pastors Rev James Chambers of Oakham, Rev Moses Grovenor Rev A. B. Foster of Petersham, Rev S. B. Gilbert of Prescott, and Rev D. M. Coburn of Ware, be invited to sit and deliberate with the Council. The call of the Church & Society to the Rev M. Keep and his reply, also his Dissmission from his former charge duly established to be in a considered satisfactory, The Pastor-elect was called upon to state his Christian

Experience and being fully satisfied, with this and also with his Christian belief, as now
Voted that the Council proceed to his installation. Voted that the parts as follows.
Reading of the Scriptures and Introduction
Prayer by the Rev. E. P. Blodgett.
Sermon by Dr. J. S. Clark of Boston.
Installing Prayer by Rev. Mr Phelps.
Charge to the Pastor. Rev. R. McFarlin.
Right hand of Fellowship. Rev. S. G. Dutton
Address to the People by. Rev. W. H. Nichols.
Concluding Prayer by. Rev. J. Tobin.
Benediction by the Pastor.
Voted to adjourn sine die. Met for the above services at this House at half past six O'clock
Met at the House and the above services were engaged in, in their Order.

Newton Pepper. Moderator.
E. P. Blodgett. Scribe.

A true Copy from the Original Minutes
John H. Kimborough
Clerk

The New House of Worship was Dedicated to the service of God on November 15th 1855.
the services were highly appropriate for the occasion. Sermon by the Rev. Mr Phelps from first of Kings 8 Chap 13. verse.

1853 Oct. 15. Mrs Fanny R. Red (formerly Miss Fanny R. Ayrhamm) was dismissed from this Church at her own request and recommended to the Church in North Brookfield.

1854 John H. Farnsworth was chosen Delegate to the Conference of Churches to be held at Warren on 13th & 14th June.

The following children were dedicated to God by Baptism September 3. 1854
Jacob, Porter Boylston, and John Alex.
Children of John H. and Sarah E. Farnsworth.
This was the first Baptism in the New Church.

John H. Farnsworth
Clk.

1855

Mrs H. Eandora Heap was admitted to this Church on Profession January 2. 1855. " Austin Heap and Elvira his wife were admitted to this Church by Letter from the Congregational Ch. Southbow. Jany 2nd.

Mrs Fanny Foster admitted to this Church by Letter from the Congregational Church in Hardwick. N. L. Johnson Esq. admitted by profession March 11th 1855.

March 18 Brother Austin Heap was chosen Delegate to the Installation of Rev S. G. Bollen at Atkinson March 27th.

1855 Julia Elmira Hammond, Daughter of Widow Sarah A. Doane, was dedicated by Baptism May 6th.

John H. Vandewalk

June 10. Brother Austin Koch was chosen Deacon to attend the Convention of Churches at North Brookfield, on 12th & 13th.

John H. [illegible]

This Church being united together in the Communion of the Rev. A. B. Foster of Petersham, these Deacon Spence & Hogan

Sept 2. Mrs Louisa P. Brown was admitted to this Church by profession and the ordinance of Baptism administered.

The following Persons were admitted to the Church November 4th 1855. By Letter.
From the Congregational Church in West Brookfield
Nathan C Robins & his Wife Mary Thomson.
From the Church in Belchertown
Mrs Pomelia Powers Smith.
From the Church in Greenwich.
Mrs Sylvester Lincoln.
From the first Reformed Dutch Schenectady N.Y.
Peter Clemson & his Wife Ellen.

1855 This Church being Invited to assist in the Installation of the Rev. A. E. P. Perkins as the Pastor of the Church in Ware &c. it was voted to concur with the request, on the fifth of Dec. Chose Brother S. L. Johnson Esq. as Delegate.

John M. Tomlinson Clk.

1856. Mr Daniel Mason was admitted to this Church March 2nd by Letter from the Church in Barre.

June 1st 1856. Deacon Jotson Spooner was chosen Delegate to the Conference of Churches to be held at Stoddardge June 10th & 11th

This Church being Invited to assist in the dismissal of the Rev G. H. Nichols of Barre Voted that Deacon John M. Tomlinson be Delegate from this Church June 17th

Brother S. L. Johnson was chosen delegate to attend the Council at N. Brookfield on the dismissal of Rev. Mr Wakelo June 19.

John M. Tomlinson
Clerk

On the 13th July our Pastor the Rev John Phelps requested a dismissal from the Church and Society for various reasons. On the 14th July a meeting of the Church and Society was called in regard to his request, a Committee was chosen consisting of the following persons. M. H. Johnson

[illegible] John H. Farnsworth and [illegible] Farnsworth. [illegible] desired him to [illegible] his request, to which he complied.

John H. Farnsworth.

Feb 4 Mrs Eliza Wife of Austin Keep died [illegible] sixty years, an exemplary christian, a affectionate parent, a faithful and faithful member of the church. [illegible] was much regretted.

John H. Farnsworth

Nov 2. Sylvester Wellington child of [illegible] Jerusha Linsley was dedicated to God by Baptism.

John H. Farnsworth

Mrs Abigail W. Hampton was admitted to this church by letter from the [illegible] Congregational United church of [illegible].

John H. Farnsworth

30th This Church being invited to assist in the Installation of the Rev Mr Denison as Pastor of the Church at Barre on Wednesday December 3d, Brother Lemuel Olson was chosen Delegate from this church.

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July 4. Mr James Tolleck and his Wife Sarah Ann, was admitted to this Church, by letter on first named, from the Methodist E. Church (Hubbardston), the latter from the Church of the Inspiration (Episcopal) Boston.

[illegible] to the church by letter from the Methodist Episcopal church, Winchester N.H.

31 This church being invited to assist in the Installation of the Rev Mr Beecher over the Union Congregationalist Church & society Brookfield June 30 Chose Deac. [illegible] Farnsworth Delegate.

June 3. Deac Jetson Spooner was chosen Delegate to the Conference of Churches to be held in West Brookfield June 4th 10th

[illegible] Miss Adeline Shattuck was admitted to this Church by letter from the Methodist Episcopal church Winchester N.H.

John H. Farnsworth
Clerk

1857 This church be in United to unite in the
Oct 4 11. Installation of the Rev W. Thede over the
" Congregational Church at Wa
" on September 22nd. Brother Austin Weeks
" was Chosen Deac
"
13 Mrs. Louisa Wife of Austin Weeks was admit-
" ted to this Church, by letter from the church
" in Springfield.
"
" Elizabeth Maria England Daughter of John
" H. and Sarah E. Farnsworth was dedicated
" to God by Baptism.

Oct 21 Mrs Charlotte A. Lincoln (Wife of Thomas
Lincoln) died aged 37 years, giving evidence
that she was a Deciple of Jesus.

1858 Died at Malden February 19th Widow
Sarah Wise aged 78 years being the oldest
member of this church, expressing full
confidence in the merits of her Saviour
she was willing to depart and be
with Jesus.

1854 February 17th Mrs Maria Houghton was dismissed from this Church at her own request, and recommended to the Calvinistic Congregational Church of Cambridge, of which the Rev Dr Albro is Pastor.

Mrs Persis Snow Wife of Allen Snow, and Miss Julia Norcut were admitted to this Ch by Profession March 7th, and the Ordinance of Baptism administered.

Brother James Pollock Died at Boston March 24th aged 74 years.

May 23 This Church being Invited to assist in the Installation of the Rev Mr Bancroft at Prescott on June 30. Chose Deacon John H. Farnsworth as Delegate.

Brother Austin Keep was Chosen Delegate to the Conference of Churches to be held at Brookfield June 8 & 9th

John H. Farnsworth
Clerk

1858 The following persons were admitted
July 4 to this Church by Profession July 4th
and the Ordinance of Baptism administ-
-ered excepting Mr Sylvester Lincoln and
Mrs Polly Hathaway.

Nathaniel Johnson Esq and
Martha Johnson his Wife
Hudson Hathaway and his Wife
Polly Hathaway
Sylvester Lincoln
Shelly Thayer Wife of Capt Hosea Thayer
Miss Lucy W Thayer
Miss Nancy M Thayer.

Nov 7. The following persons were admitted to
this Church by profession of their Faith,
And the Ordinance of Baptism administ
-ered, to the two last named persons.

Master, Daniel Weston, Mason.
Miss " Ellen M. Hill.
" " Angelica M. Fisher.
" " Sarah Emma. Hoag.

Brother Austin Hoag died of consumption December 18th aged 40 years.
An active and faithful Christian, always at his post & duty; faithful to the last and waiting patiently for the messenger of death to release him from this world of sorrow, to one of unspeakable joy.
"Blessed are the Dead who die in the Lord."

I shine in the light of God.
His likeness stamps and bears;
Through the valley of death my soul has trod
And sees the face of God.

1859

Mrs Harriett H. Lincoln (Wife of N. F. Lincoln Esq) was admitted to this Church March 6th from the United Presbyterian Church of Argyle N.Y.

John W. Farnsworth
Clerk

Aug. 5. Miss Orletta Shattuck, was dismissed from this Church at her own request and recommend to the Baptist Church in Petersham.

John W. Farnsworth
Clerk

[illegible] I, [illegible], [illegible] committed
to his charge the [illegible]
[illegible], and the ordinance of baptism
administered. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] this church being informed [illegible]
Criminal [illegible] the Church [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible] with the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] the church [illegible]
[illegible] was [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

1860

June 24. Charles, Infant Child of N. L. & Hannah Johnson was dedicated to God by baptism.

John H. Farnsworth
Clerk

Mrs Fanny Foster died suddenly at Coopersville Wed. June 27th. J.

July 1 Mrs Susan Robins was admitted to this Church and recommended from the Church in Marion

John H. Farnsworth
Clerk

30 Mrs Louis Lucas was dismissed from this Church and recommended to the Methodist Episcopal Church North Dana.

John H. Farnsworth
Clerk

April 21. Mrs Lorina A. Hathaway, was admitted to this Church by profession of faith. Sept. 2nd.

John H. Farnsworth
Clerk

1860

Mrs Adaline M. Olivers wife of Thomas Olivers Died October 9th [illegible]
It may well be said, when they are summoned hence, They rest from their labors, and their works do follow them.

Nov 4 Mrs Sarah Parrish and Mr [illegible] were appointed a committee to take the subject of a church in Lyons and recommended to the Old School [illegible] union the [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

The church being invited to join in the Installation of the Rev [illegible] Mudd as the Church and Society in Lyons on the 4th Dec. Voted to concur with the council, chose Neibl Johnson Esq as Deacon.

John M. Johnson

1861

March 3 Mrs Ellen M. Kingsbury wife of [illegible] was dismissed from this church at her request, and recommended to the Congregational church in Lyons.

1861

August. Mr. Nathan B. Dunscomb and his wife Emma H., was dismissed from this church at their own request, and recommended to church in West Brookfield,

John H. Farnsworth,
Clerk.

The following letter was received from our Pastor Rev. John Keep, Dated
Bristol Wisconsin March
21st 1861

To the Orthodox Congregational society
in Dana Centre

Your Vote passed March 11th 1861, in regard to myself has been communicated to me by your Clerk J. H. Farnsworth. I suppose you wish to know whether or not I will return and continue with you, through the year on the conditions which you have stated. Let me say then, in my opinion the time has arrived when it is advisable to make arrangements for the dissolution of my pastoral relations to the church and Society in Dana Centre. I believe I can be more useful and happy elsewhere, and it would be agreeable to me, and accommodate matters if an dissolution could take effect the first of July next. I would like

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] not from [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Sunday, [illegible]
[illegible] Rev. Boston Cummings in
[illegible] Pastor, and that the Ecclesiastical
Council, assemble at the Pastor's on Tuesday
[illegible] 4th [illegible] 1861, [illegible]
its Dismission. The following churches
were invited by Pastor and Deacons
Seth Brookfield. Mare Village, Norwich.
Greenwich. Bangfield, & Hardwick. viz
The Rev Boston Cummings be one of the
Council. The following persons were
[illegible]
Rev John W. Ainsworth, Brother Cummings
Brother and D. Weston Mason.

John W. Ainsworth Clerk.

At a meeting of the Church, held June
2nd. the following persons received
their dismissal,
Rev John Keep & wife. Miss Eudora
Keep, and Mrs Louisa Whatcomb
(formerly Mrs Louisa Keep) and were
recommended, the three first named, to
the Congregational Church in Bristol,
Wisconsin, the last to the Congregational
Church in Greenwich

Dated
June 2nd 1861

John W. Ainsworth
Clerk

At an Ecclesiastical Council convened
according to notice, in the Congre-
gational Church in Wendham on the 4th
& 5th days of April upon the question of the ex-
pediency of dissolving the pastoral
relation in said place, the following churches
were represented

Windham	Rev. Martyn Thomas
" "	Rev. Philander Chandler
Canfield	Rev. Robert McEwen D.D.
Stone Village	Rev. A. E. P. Perkins
" "	Joseph Hartwell
N. Brookfield	Rev. E. H. Cushing
" "	Norman Fitch
Franklin	Rev. Ezra P. Blodgett
" "	Moses Colburn
Barre	Eli Todd
"	Hartshorn

Rev. Brighton Cummings of Leicester was
present, as a member of the council.
Rev. Mr. Jewett was prevented from attending
by Rev. Cabin Peck Sickness.
prayer was offered by the Moderator
Documents from the Pastor & church & council
were read before the council all of which
were declared satisfactory.
Rev. E. Melvin & Todd the scribe were appo-
inted a committee to draft the result of
council which was as follows

The Council then took the Request of Mr Hoop for a dismission into consideration and came unanimously to the conclusion, that it be carried into effect, they found themselves led up to this result, by the state of health in his family and by an incident of fortune - by for greater usefulness in another field, to which he is invited. The Council therefore receive Mr Hoop dismissed from his charge in Dana, the relation between him & the Church & people to cease July 4. 1861.

It is with great regret that the Council find themselves under the necessity of disolving a connection which for so many years has been maintained with unmingled success, on the part of the pastor, and the utmost fidelity on the part of the people, of his charge, and which closes in the kindest state of feeling on both sides. Mr Hoop leaves the most substantial memorials of his worth in Dana, the hopes that he might have remained to complete that which he has so well begun. But as God in his providence has manifestly ordered otherwise, it is only left for the Council to commend a brother beloved, and a Workman that needeth not to be ashamed, to the Churches of the Lord Jesus as worthy of their confidence in the ministry committed to his hands.

For the bereaved Church also, the Council feel the deepest respect & sympathy. They honor their

past hardships, the more they press to
Christ unto them in the name and in
the words of the Lord Jesus Christ "Fear not little
flock." Let this Church & people remember that
they have been led by the good hand of God &
expect still greater and better things, from him
who has kept them. Let themselves & their
Body for the future, let them be united, at every
personal sacrifice; the Council assure this church
and people of their continued confidence and that
of neighbouring churches, and still wish our
churches the same interest, in behalf of the
Canadian Gospel in Lima they have hitherto
unreservedly manifested.-

We pray also that the great Head of the Church
to give this people soon a pastor, one who
feed them with wisdom & knowledge, that the
foundation, here laid among them may endure
to all generations

The above minutes & draft were accepted, & on
Prayer by the Rev. [illegible] the Council
dissolved

Hartson Jessup Methodist
Moses Pike, Secy.

The above is a true Copy from the Original
Minutes

Lewis Dunsmore
Clerk

Lima June 4. 1861

1861 At a meeting of the Church held June 9
Br John Adams & Brother Silas Johnson were chosen Delegates to the Conference of Churches to be held at Hardwick June 11th & 12th.

John H. Farnsworth
Clerk

At a meeting of the Church held at the Vestry Wednesday June 26th 1861. The Rev Robert Cummings Moderator, after prayer by the Moderator, it was voted to give the Rev Daniel Wight part of whatever, and to submit on Vote on this Church and Society, provided the Society concur.
Adjourned to Saturday P.M.

Dana June 26. 1861. John H. Farnsworth
Clerk

The Rev Mr Wight having concluded not to accept the Call of this Church and Society. A meeting of the Church was held agreeable to previous Notice Deacon Spooner in the Chair.
Those Br Johnson Clerk Prentiss, Voted unanimously to give the Rev William Leonard a Call to settle over this Church & Society, on their terms provided the Society concur. Voted to dissolve this meeting. Dana Augst 19. 1861. N. L. Johnson Clerk pro tem.

At a Meeting of the Church held agreeable
to previous Notice, October 1st 1861.
Rev William Leonard in the Chair, After
Prayer by the Chairman, It was Voted
That a Committee of three be Chosen to Notify
The Council to attend the Installation of
The Rev William Leonard over this Church
and Society October 16th 1861. The following
Persons were Chosen. Deacon Simeon
Deac John H. Farnsworth & Brother Silas S.
Johnson. The following Churches were invi-
ted, by Pastor & Delegate.

North Brookfield.	Rev A. Cushing.
West Brookfield.	Rev Cordley.
Ware Village.	" A. E. S. Perkins.
Enfield.	" R. McEwen D.D.
Hardwick.	" Martin Kupper.
Ware.	" David Peck
Greenwich.	" E. P. Blodgett

Also the Rev Preston Cummings of
Leicester.
The Council will meet at the Church
at 9 O'Clock on Wednesday October 16 inst.
Voted to Dismiss this meeting

John H. Farnsworth
Clerk

Ware October 1st
1861

1861 A council, convened by
Lewis Mission from the Orthodox Congregational
Church & society, in Nana, met & held in their
Meeting House, on Monday October 14th 1861, for the
purpose of installing Rev William Leonard, as
Pastor of said Church & society. The following
were in attendance, by the Pastor & Delegate.
The Church in Hardwick. Rev Martyn Tupper,
Pastor, Brother Timothy Gay, Delegate.
Rev Ira Field Pastor, Brother Amos
Adams Delegate; North Brookfield Rev
Christopher Cushing, Pastor, Brother Alvan
W. Reed Delegate, West Brookfield Rev &
in Charge Pastor, Brother Salmon & Samuel
Greenwich " " Abel Gideon, Delegate.
Ware East " " Rev Lewis Demond "
Leicester. Rev Preston Cummings, without a delegate.
The Council was organized by the choice of
Rev M. Tupper as Moderator & Cummings,
Scribe, and after Prayer to the Moderator, the
Clerk of the Church & Society, in extending a
call to the Rev Mr Leonard, and his reply to
the same, with various documents & certificates,
were laid before the Council & duly authenticated.
The Candidate was then examined, by the
Moderator & others, of the Council, in reference
to his doctrinal views & immediate & his mode
of preaching the truth & meeting objections, in
reference, also to his religious experience & views
in entering the ministry. On all these points full

and applied numerous non-Christian parts, and to satisfy a satisfactory, the council were then to be withdrawn, and expression their opinion then by the candidate proceeded to open the moral parts of the public service as follows.

Invocation & reading the scripture by the Rev Mr Fisk of the M. E. Episcopal Church. Sermon by Rev Chauncey A. Bragg and from Psalms 116 v. Installing prayer by the Rev Mr Tupper of Hardwick.
Charge to the Pastor Rev L. M. Cornell by W. Brookfield. Right hand of fellowship, Rev David Peck of Barre
Address to the people by the Rev [illegible] Cushing of Worcester. Concluding prayer Rev Mr Fisk of M. E. Episcopal Church, Barre.
Council voted to adjourn after the service in the Ottoman. The foregoing parts having been performed, the Church was dismissed.

Moulton Wyman, Moderator

G. M. Cordley Scribe.
Barre October 16, 1861

The above are a true copy from the original minutes

John H. Farnsworth

Clerk

1861

Rev. William Leonard & his Wife Eliza & Mrs Mary Ann their Daughter were admitted to this Church by Letter, October 16th 1861. The former join the church at Wilmington, the two latter from the Church at Ashfield.

Jan. 1. An adult baptism was administered to God by Baptism.

Feb. 25. Marietta Child of Alfredo & Elizabeth Lincoln. William Saunders Infant child of William & Annie Maria. Annie Evaline & Adele Frances Children of Lemuel & Evaline & Elizabeth Frances Bedell.

28 This Church being invited to assist in the Installation of the Rev. Lucian H. Adams as Pastor of the Congregational Church of Petersham, Voted to comply with the request. Chose Deacon Jeremiah Spooner as Delegate.

1863

Jan. 3 Brother Daniel Dodson, was dismissed from this Church at his own request and recommended to the Congregational Church in Barre.

Calvin H. Farnsworth
Clerk.

1842.

May 8 Mr Nathan Stone and his wife Hannah, Mrs Eliza Ann Gilles, Mrs Laura M Cutler, the first named two had been in Chatham C.C. Mr Laura M Cutler was also admitted by Profession

31 [illegible]

" [illegible]

24 John M Simmons, Silas Spencer & Jesse Spencer, were chosen Delegates to the Brookfield Association & Chatham to be held at Spencer June 7th & 10th

July 27 Mrs Angelia M Shallock, was at her own request dismissed from this Church, and recommended to the Congregational Church in Sharon.

Wm M Simmons
Clerk

August 2d Received on Covenant Minerva Cutler, Mrs Hannah [illegible] she was out in the world [illegible] influenced by the immediate [illegible] to Christ she knew not; [illegible] that Jesus dwelt with penitent hearts. She was on whom the Holy Ghost descended as a dove and to the house of God [illegible] and in that relation, we hope [illegible]

1863, It was of truth, and sin, that her price was above all rubies." We trust she has entered into, that "rest which remaineth for the people of God."

Nov. Died November 25th Mrs Abigail Wd Simpson An ~~Exemplary~~ exemplary christian, kind affectionate parent, her death was much regretted.

1864, March 15 Chose Jetson Spooner Clerk of the Church in Dana

Sea Jane H. Tomlinson was dismissed from this Church: and Recommended to some Christian Church as they were about to move West.

1866 June Mrs Narissa Smith was dismissed by letter from the Congregational Church In Dana Centre & recommended to Con. Church In Warren.

Feb 25 1867 Mrs Eliza Williams was dismissed by letter from the Congregational Church In Dana Centre & recommended to the first Congregational Church In Springfield Mass. Attest Silas N. Johnson } Clerk P. T.

[illegible]

~~Connection~~ on condition that he be [illegible]
[illegible]

A meeting was held in the [illegible]
the Church - Marion [illegible]
[illegible]

the Society voted to comply with his [illegible]

[illegible]

August 24th 1864
Rev. Mr. Leonard invited the [illegible]
[illegible] after the Services time [illegible]
[illegible] to call a council [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] as a reason why he could [illegible]
[illegible] hesitate some more [illegible]
one else. Can be more useful here [illegible]
[illegible] that place. Mr. Leonard [illegible]
Gilson, Sprague & Chapin [illegible] committee
to set the time; and invite the [illegible]
[illegible] mentioned above.

Accordingly we have [illegible]
[illegible] the 4th day of [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] meeting [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Bro Geo. C. Cushing and Deleg[illegible] North Brookfield
L. H. Adams and Deligate "
Rev E. I. Blodget " " Greenwich
Rev David Peck " " Dana
Rev Martin Tupper " " Hardwick
Jetson Shaw
Clerk

Dana May 4th 1864.
an Ecclesitical Council convened at the request of the Orthodox Congregational church - there were present from the Congl church Dana Rev David Peck Paster - Bro Otis Allen - Delegate -
First Congl Ch. in North Brookfield Bro M. S. Reed Deligate -
Congl Ch in Greenwich - Rev E. I. Blodgett Paster - Bro J. B. Root delegate
Congl Ch in Hardwick Rev Martin Tupper paster -
Orthodox Congl Ch in Petersham Rev L. H. Adams Paster - Bro Wm Blodgett Deleg
the Council was Called to order by Rev M. Tupper -
Rev M. Tupper was Chosen Moderator and Rev L. H. Adams Scribe -
after prayer by the Moderator - the Council listened to statements of the Paster - Church and Society - in Relation to the

Object for which the Council was convened
Viz "to Consider the Expediency of dissolving
the Pastoral Relation between Rev. Mr
Leonard and the Church in Dana —
After proper deliberation the Council
arrived at the following Result — Viz
It is the unanimous opinion of this
Council that the Pastoral relation
between Rev. Mr Leonard and the orthodox
Congl Church in Dana should be and
is hereby dissolved —
In this Conclusion the Council would
Express — its Cordial Sympathy with
Bro. Leonard, and Recommend him
to the Churches — as an able and
faithful preacher of the Gospel —
also to the Church and Society — the
Council Extend its Sympathy in being
thus deprived of their Pastor — and
trust that in all Love and Harmony
they will receive another whome the
Great Head of the Church Shal Send

the above is a true Copy from
the origional minutes —
Jetson Spooner Clerk

1864 At a Meeting of the Orthodox Cong. Church held in their Meeting House in Dover Nov. 6th 1864 Jetson Spooner in the Chair — Choose Silas A. Johnson Deacon of the Jore said Church —

Nov 2 Rev Wm Leonard & wife was at their own Request Dissmissed from this Church — and Recommended to any Christian Church — with whom they may wish to unite

Nov 2 Miss Mary ann Leonard — now Mrs Beal — at the Request of her Father is Dissmissed from this Church and Recommended to any Christian Church

Jetson Spooner and Wife at their own request was dismissed from this [illegible] and Recom[illegible] to the [illegible] Cong. Church [illegible] —

March 24 Miss Julia Doriott was dismissed at her request from this Church and recommended to the Cong. Church in Cordova Ill. S. A. Johnson Z Clerk

1868 Mrs Mirah B. Lawton was dismissed from this Church
Jany 19 at her request & recommended to the Cong.l
Church Fort Lee New Jersey - S. N. Johnson Pastor

Oct 31st This may certify, that Mrs Angeline A. Shattuck was
admitted to full fellowship of this Church by letter
of recommendation from the Evangelical Congl
Church in Barre The Rev. David Foster Pastor S. N. Johnson Pastor

1870
May 8 Miss Josephine A. Jones was dismissed from this
Church July 31st at her request & recommended
to the Congl Congl Church North Carver.

1871
Sept 11 Mr Lucius Sears were admitted to this Church by
letter from the Church in Greenwich. E. P. Bragg Pastor
Likewise the marriage Vows from the Congl Church Stevens
Mrs Emily E. J. Sears from the Methodist Episcopal
Church Rock Island District Illinois
Sept 11 The following Persons were admitted by Profession
Cyrus Whitlock Doubleday - Abba Marinda Fisher
Mrs Sarah Towne & Julian H. Thayer
S. N. Johnson Pastor

1873 Jany 12th Mrs Sarah E. Sears, & Mrs Laura Johnson were
dismissed to this Ch. by profession & Baptism
of baptism administered by Rev. E. P. Bragg

April 15 Mr Lucius Sears & Sarah E. Sears were dismis-
1877 sed by vote of the Church April 15th at their
request & recommended to the M. E. Church No.
Lansing Mich. S. N. Johnson Pastor

1873 This may certify that Rev. Orlando Russell was admitted to this Church May 5th by letter from the Methodist
Note E. Church Bare Station Worcester District New England Conference by vote of the Church S. N. Johnson Clerk

1875 [illegible] Brother Hutchinson, I Member of this Church - [illegible] a good man for years. S. N. [illegible]

1877 May 15 The Church met in the vestry to consider the expediency & desirability of calling the Rev. E. N. Merritt to become its Pastor —
Chose C. N. Dowling - Moderator
Prayer was offered by Rev. J. Spooner —
It was voted unanimously to invite the Rev E. N. Merritt to become the Pastor of this Church
Voted To choose a Committee of three to inform the Rev E. N. Merritt of the vote just passed by this Church and in consultation with a committee which may be chosen by the Society in making all necessary preparations for the Pastor's Installment and do all other acts and things necessary & proper for carrying the vote into effect.
Chose N. L. Johnson C. Whipple Dowling and S. N. Johnson Committee.

S. N. Johnson } Clerk

1877

Sept 3 Dea. Jetson Spooner & Wife Laura G. Spooner were admitted to this Church by letter & recommendation from the Cong.l Church in Petersham

Sept 3

Sept 3 The Rev E. W. Merritt & Wife were received into Church in full Fellowship as [illegible]

[illegible] was admitted to this Church by letter from M. E. Church [illegible] Springfield District New England Conference

Dies

Sept 3 Miss Julia Snow & Mrs Eliza Norcott, were admitted by profession & Baptism in full full Fellowship of this Church

.. X Miss Carrie Doane was by profession & Baptism Admitted to full Fellowship of this Church. Di[illegible]

Nov. 4 Frederick Ackers was admitted to this Church by letter & recommendation from the Cong.l Church in Gilbertville. M. D. Brown Sec'y

[dismissed June 26 1921 to Congregational Church of Acton Center, Mass.]

Nov 4 Miss Hattie Doane was by profession & Baptism admitted in full Fellowship of this Church

Jan order S. N. Johnson

Jany 6 Miss Lillian Hunger was admitted to the Church in full fellowship by letter from
1878 Church Boston

S. N. J[illegible]

1878
July 6th This may certify that Mrs. Samuel Hager was duly fellowship to this Church (by vote of the Church)

Mch
1878 Mr Julian Hager and Mariette his wife were dismissed from this Church and received into the Pension Church of Three Rivers Mass

Jan
1
1879 Dea Y. T. Johnson died Our loss but his gain

May
31 At a regular meeting of the church Ethuffle Doubleday was chosen Deacon, to take the place of Dea S. R. Johnson deceased, and Bro D. H. Merritt was chosen clerk

Edell

Spring 1842 I the Standard
with by death
Jos Jefferson Spooner and
Mrs Eliza Johnson

Sept
2
1883 Lucy S Morris was
received into this
Church on profession
of faith.

Mrs Martha Johnson died Oct 24 1883

Lemira Heathaway died January 20, 1886.
Mrs Launa Spooner died
Mrs Hudson Heathaway died Jany 6, 1886.
Sally Thayer died
1886 April 4th
Mr Fred A. Keith and Mrs Helen
Keith his wife, were admitted to this
church at their request by letter from the
Congregational church in Otterbein and
its recommendation - N. L. Johnson clerk

Samuel Fisher died Sept 7th 1886.
N. L. Johnson clerk

Delinda Whipple Doubleday died March 10, 1884.
~~Samuel Fisher died Sept. 7, 1886.~~

1886

Oct 3 Mrs Harriet L. Hilliard was this day received into this church this day by letter from the Congregational church in Rutland Vt.

3rd Mrs Susan C. Stevens was this day received by this church by letter from the Fourth St. Baptist church in So. Boston.

Abba wife of Samuel Fisher died June 24. 1887

1887 Oct 16. Rev Elbridge L. Merritt, his wife Eliza J. Merritt and Inez E. Merritt were at their request dismissed from this church and recommended to the Congregational church at Warren Conn.

Lardner Hathaway died Dec 26th 1887. at the house of Nathan Taylor in Lanesboro.

Nov 6th Mrs Eugene T. Cornell was this day admitted to this church at her request by letter from the Congregational church in Greenwich Conn.

Nov 6 Mrs E. L. Cornell was this day received as a member of this church at her request by a letter from the ~~church~~ Congregational church in Barre Mass.

1888 Aug 5th.

Miss Emma E. Hicks was this day received into this church on profession of faith.

Aug 5th

Mrs Susan M. Stevens, wife of Henry Stevens, was this day received into the church on profession of faith.

Aug 19, 1886. Rev Josiah G. Willis ~~and~~ was this day admitted or received into this church by letter of recommendation from the South Congregational church in Springfield Mass.

Aug 19 Mrs Antoinette G. Willis wife of Rev Josiah G. Willis was this day received into this church by letter of recommendation from the Congregational church at Union Valley

1888
Sept Mrs Susan Stevens was admitted into this church on profession of faith. She is the wife of Henry Stevens.

June 2. 1889.

C. Whipple Doubleday and his wife Mrs Abba M. Doubleday were this day dismissed from this church at their own request and commended to the Methodist Church at North Dorna

N. L. Johnson, clerk.

July 8. 1889. Mrs Hortense F. Thayer (Mrs Samuel Thayer) & Miss Lillian M. Thayer were this day, at their request, dismissed from this church and commended to the Florence street Methodist Church in Springfield Mass.

N. L. Johnson, clerk.

July 27. 1889.

Mrs F. Simonds formerly Harriet Blanchard was this day admitted to membership into this church by letter from the Episcopal Methodist Church at Easthampton Mass

N. L. Johnson clerk

Aug 27. 1889. Miss Addie Frances Bedell was this day dismissed, at her request, from this church and commended to the fellowship of the Presbyterian church in New Rochelle N.Y.

N. L. Johnson. clerk.

Mrs Adah Towne wife of Cyrel Towne died - Dec 9. 1890. aged 86 years

Miss Minnie Hunton was admitted to membership of this Church on profession of faith this 12th day of July 1891.

Mrs Eliza S. Gorham died at Prescott mass. on Tuesday the 8th day of September 1891. she was the widow of the late James A. Gorham,

1891 Dec 9th Mrs Priscilla F. Stone, wife of Timothy Stone passed away this day about 9 a.m. Rev Mr Merritt attended her funeral on the 11th

Dec 26 Mrs Eliza Prescott died this day aged 86.

1893 Oct 1. Miss Caroline Emory Sherley was this day admitted to membership in this Church on profession of her faith.

1893 Aug 18. Miss Emily E. A. Norcutt was this day, by a vote of the church at her request dismissed from this church and commended to some other church.
N. L. Johnson Clerk.

1894 Sept 16. Mrs Annie Eugenia Bristol, wife of Elias F. Bristol was this day admitted into full fellowship of this church on profession of faith.

1894 Nov 4. Mrs Minnie Gibson (formerly Smallwood) was at her request, this day by a vote of this church dismissed and recommended to the care of the U. P. Presbyterian church at West Nelson N.Y.

1895 July 28. Miss Caroline Emory Shirley was at her request, this day by a vote of the church dismissed from this church and recommended to the first Congregational church at Milford Conn. N. L. Johnson Clerk.

1896 April 14. Rev. Josiah L. Willis and Antoynette L. Willis, his wife, were on the Tuesday first at their request dismissed from this church and commended to the Congregational church at Union Valley, Cortland County New York.
N. L. Johnson, Clerk.

1896 Aug 30.

At a meeting of the church held this day it was unanimously voted that the church concur with the society in asking the Mass Home Missionary Society for an allowance of one hundred for the current year.

W. L. Johnson clerk.

1897 Jany 3 Mrs Etta E. Lomer was this day by vote of the church dismissed from this church and recommended to the congregational church in Greenwich at her request. W. L. Johnson clerk.

May 16 1896 Sylvester Lincoln died in Dana on the 15th day of May 1896

1897 Dec 26. Mrs Emma E. McEvoy (formerly Hicks) was this day dismissed from this church at her request, and commended to the ~~church~~ Broadway Congregational Church in Somerville Mass.

1899 March 3 Mrs Susan Stevens died this day. she was the wife of Henry Stevens.

May 7. 1899.

Rev. Charles C. Houghton
Mrs Hattie C. Houghton
Miss Carrie M. Houghton
Mr Frank A. Houghton
Miss Mary A. Houghton and
Miss Daisy N. Houghton were this day at their request, by letter from the Congregational Church in Prescott Mass, admitted to this church by unanimous vote.

Rev. Elbridge Merritt left this church at his own option in the spring of 1884 and went to

In the winter of 1885 early ~~Rev~~ Mr Haley came from Amherst Saturdays of each week and supplied our pulpit regularly until the winter ~~then~~ of 1886 when the Rev Dr Wright ~~of Amherst~~ of Amherst supplied until the spring of 1887 when Rev Josiah Willis was hired. Mr Willis moved to this place in May 1887 and continued to act as Pastor until the ~~winter~~ of 1893. ~~when~~ Rev Harlan Page of Hardwick began his services here, being hired as pastor in May 1893

Oct 27 1900. Mr C. E. Houghton, Mrs H. C. Houghton. Miss Carrie M. Houghton, Miss Mary A. Houghton and Miss Daisey N. Houghton were this day dismissed from this church at their own request, and commended to the fellowship of the Evangelical Congregational Church in Westboro Mass.

N. L. Johnson clerk

Nov 4, 1900. Mr Gardner N. Johnson and his wife, Mrs Eliza F. Johnson, were this day received into this church at their request and by letters of commendation from the Dr Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church at Chicago

N. L. Johnson clerk

1901 January 20 Mrs Eliza McArthur was this day admitted to this church. N. L. Johnson clerk

Robert Harsha died June 27. 1899
N. L. Johnson clerk

1903 Nathaniel Lafayette Johnson died July 9th. 1902
J. H. M. — clerk

1903 July 1st

At a meeting called by the Pastor Chose by N Johnson Clerk

" Voted to receive Mr & Mrs H. L. Foote into to our Church membership —
by N Johnson - Clerk

July 26

To day we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Dedication of our Church by appropriate religious services —
Sermon by Rev Hardman Paige, and an address by Rev A M Brown of New York City —
by N Johnson - Clerk

Sept 20 —
At a meeting called by Pastor chose Forest A Sticks to the Office of Deacon of our Church
by N Johnson Clerk

1904
Nov 8 - Mrs S F Sticks by her request dismissed this day from our Church and Commended to the fellowship of the M E Church at N - Dame
by N Johnson - Clerk

1905

Mrs Mary E Dorne died
May 4 - 1905
G N Johnson Clerk

1905 Oct. 9. Mrs Eliza French Johnson passed away this day.
A. Johnson
Acting clerk.

1905 Oct. 28. Mrs. Wm Slaney died - at Hardwick -

1905 Nov. 15 Mr. Gardner L. Johnson died - a useful and valuable member of this Church.

1906
Mrs Eliza McArthur died July 20th 1906.
at Washington, D. C.

1907 Mrs Lucy Brown died June 12th 1907.

1916 Mr Forest Addison Hicks a valuable member of this church died at the home of his son G. A. Hicks Providence, R.I. Feb 12th 1916.

1916 Mrs Harriet Simonds remains were brought here for burial May 1916.

1906
January. Miss Abbie A. Lincoln was admitted to this Church by letter from the Congregational Church of Greenwich, Mass.

Mrs Bessie Fisk was admitted to this Church from the
1906 Congregational Church of Greenwich, Mass.
February
1869 Miss Hannie P. Doane was admitted to this Church by
July letter from the Congregational Church of Pepperell, Mass.

1916 Mr Frank Daniel Stevens died Dec. 20 1916.
at Gilbertville Mass. funeral service at the Dana house.
1918 Mrs Hattie Doane Miller died at Framingham.

1920 Mrs Margaret Hasebarfhmann died Mar. 7.
at her home in Dana. funeral service
from the home Mar 27.

The present members of the Congregational Church of Lunenburg
Worcester Co. Mass 1921

Mr Forest Hicks d. Feb 12 1916 Mrs Helen Hicks.
Mrs Angelia Shattuck. Mrs Susan E. Stevens.
x Mrs Harriet Simonds. x Mrs Addie A. Harsha.
x Mrs Margaretta H. Johnson. Mrs Bessie Fisk.
x Miss Abbie A. Lincoln. Miss Fannie D. Doane.
x Frank Daniel Stevens. Miss Florence Lincoln.
Miss Pauline Almquist. Miss Beatrice Fisk.
Mrs Nellie Durkee. Miss Mary E. Doane
Mrs Amanda Almquist. Miss M Mildred Doane
1915 Mr Charles Almquist. Miss Lillian Almquist
Mr. Geo. W. Barnes Miss Edna Fiske
1916 Mr. Geo. W. Barnes. Mr. Paul E. Shannon
1917 Mr Adolph Johnson (Miss Bertha [illegible])
Mr Adolph Johnson " Irene [illegible]

" Irene Cassels " " James A Stanley

1922

Roll of Church Members

*✓ a Mrs. Helen Hicks [illegible] Mass d. Dec 1929 Needham Mass [illegible]

*✓ Mrs Angelia Shattuck d. Dec. 14, 1923 b. June 13, 1838

*✓ a Mrs Susan E Stevens d Sept 21, 1932 (member of Lana Ch by letter and Ed 1867)

✓ Mrs. Bessie Fisk (Mrs Fred. C) dismissed Jun 17/28 Central Congl Ch Orange

*✓ Miss Fannie V. Doane d. Feb. 19, 1931 Lana

✓ Miss Florence Lincoln North Lana Mass dism jul. 31 1938 my Church

*✓ Mrs. Matilda Almquist d. Feb 5, 1928.

a✓ Miss Beatrice Fiske (Mrs. Miner) dismissed May 8/1930 to Congl Ch [illegible]

a✓ Mrs. Nellie Durkee (Mrs Geo) dismissed [illegible] 17/33 to Congl Church [illegible]

a✓ Miss Mary E. Doane (Mrs Clifton H. Hamilton) dismissed Mar 13, 1938 to Congl Ch of Swansea, Mass

a✓ Mrs Orlanda Almquist (Mrs Charles) dismissed Mar 2, 1938 to Winslow Congl Ch Taunton Mass

a✓ Miss M. Mildred Doane (~~Mrs. C. C. Hale~~) dism. Jul 31 1938 my Church ~~[illegible]~~ 2d [illegible]

✓ Mr Charles Almquist dismissed Nov 2 1930 to Winslow Congl Ch Taunton Mass

a✓ Miss Lillian Almquist (Mrs Carl Corey) dismissed dism. Jul 31, 38 my church

a✓ Mr. Geo. H. Barrows dismissed to Memorial Congl Ch Winsted Conn No 2 24

a✓ Miss Edna Fiske Mrs Sagden dism. July 31 1938 my church

a✓ Mrs. Geo. H. Barrows (Clara E) dismissed to Memorial Congl Ch Winsted Conn Nov 2 24

a✓ Mrs. Paul E. Shannon '35 put on separate list by vote of Aug '34

*✓ Mr. Adolph Johnson removed by session of roll in 1925 joined Dumont Temple Boston Mass

*✓ Mrs. Adolph Johnson d Jan 27 1924 Allston Mass

a✓ Mrs. Lewey Richards (nee Bertha Hurst) '35 put on separate list by vote of Aug '34

a✓ Mrs. Irene Tassels, Hudson Mass '35 put on separate list by vote of Aug '34

✓ Mr. Louis K. Wells dismissed [illegible] Jul 3/31 dism Jul [illegible]

✓ Mrs Irene Hurst Wells (Mrs. L. K) " dism Jul 31, 38 my ch

✓ Miss Margaret Naomi MacArthur dism Jul 9/38 Hope Congl Ch [illegible] Mass
renewal [illegible] Jul 4/38

✓ Rev. Henry M. Brown, D.D. dismissed Jul [illegible] No A. Fred P. [illegible] New Rochelle N.Y.
✓ Adele B. Brown (Mrs H M) letter from Pilgrim [illegible] of New York July 16 1922 dr

*✓ Elizabeth F. Bedell (Mrs E. F.) " d Nov 6, 33

✓ Mary Eleanor Cook (dismissed Jul. [illegible] 38 to Bondsville Congl Ch
d. ~~Northampton~~

✓ Miss Anna Margaret Almquist licensed on [illegible] Oct. 1 1925 [illegible]

✓ Harry Sumner Witt on confession Jan 3, 1926 dismissed Jul 30/38 any Ch
✓ Hattie Dane Witt (Mrs H.C.) on confession Jan 3, 1926 " " " any Ch.
✓ Bertha Price (Mrs John) letter from Trinity ME Sp. fld Jan 5, 1930 dismissed Jul 3/38 to ME Bondsville Mass.
✓ Frank Leslie Joyner letter from Congl Ch Newington Ct Jan 5, 1930 d Dec 12, 1937 Cummington Mass.
✓ Ruth Elizabeth Cotton confession Jan 5, 1930 dism. Jul 31/1938 any Church
✓ Samuel Smith Darling confession & baptism Jan 5, 1930 d Aug 24, 1935 Dana Mass
✓ Dorothy Darling (Mrs. Smith White) confession & baptism Jan 5, 1930 dism. Jul 31 1938 any Church
✓ Alice Tracy Thayer letter from Greenwich Congl Feb 28, 1932 dismissed May 8, 1938
✓ Gladys Alma Cotton confession Mar 27, 1932 dismissed No Enfield Congl Apr 30/03
✓ Jennie Belle Cooley (Mrs Leslie R) conf & bapt June 30, 1935 dism. Jul 31/38 Congl Ch Petersham
✓ Louise Leslie Cooley confession June 30, 1935 dism Jul 31/38 Congl Ch Petersham Mass
✓ Florence Abbie Cooley (Mrs Dwight) conf & bapt. Apr 12, 1936 dismissed Jul 30/38 Unit. Ch Petersham
✓ Pearl Baldwin Stone (Mrs. Arthur) conf & bapt Apr 12, 1936 " Jul 30/38 Unit. Ch Petersham Mass
✓ Helen Darling (Mrs Cyrille White) conf & bapt. Apr. 12, 1936 dism. Jul 31/38 any Church
✓ David Sackett Pollard conf & bapt. Apr 12, 1936 dismissed Mar 21/1937 1st Bapt Springfield Mass
✓ Donald Kent Pollard conf & bapt Apr 12, 1936 " Mar 21/37 First Bapt Springfield Mass
✓ Edwin Darling Jr. letter St Paul's Episc. Schenectady N.Y. Apr 12, 1936 dism. Jul 31/38 any Church
✓ Muriel Pearl Darling confession April 12, 1936 dism. July 31/38 Any Church
✓ Ruth Esther Thayer confession April 12, 1936 dism Jul 31/38 any Church
✓ Betty Cooley confession April 12 1936 dism Jul 31/38 Congl, Petersham Mass
✓ Dorothy Stewart Berry confession April 12 1936 dis. Jul 31/38 Unit Ch Petersham
✓ Jeannette Goodman Berry confession April 12, 1936 " Unit Ch Petersham Mass
✓ Ruth Lynde Humphreys conf & bapt August 8, 1937 " Jul 31/38 any Church
✓ Donald Stuart Colbroth conf. June 5, 1938 " July 31/38 " "
✓ Constance Colbroth (Mrs L.S.) conf & bapt June 5, 1938 " Jul 31/38 " "
✓ Grace Southworth conf & bapt June 5, 1938 " Jul 31/38 " "

1907 Rev Harlan Page exchanged pulpits with Rev C. H. Smith
Dec 1st Pastor of the Barre Congregational Church. The topic for his sermon was, What is Life. He delivered a very able and impressive sermon and held the attention of the audience very closely. Present only 24.

Dec 8th Mr Page preached. A stormy Sabbath only six present.
Dec 15th Another stormy Sabbath with very small attendance
22 Mr Page preached. There were 23 present.
29 Mr Page preached. There were 24 present.
1908 Jan 5
Mr Page preached and observed the Communion Service 15 were present
12th A very forbidding day with wind and rain. Not any were
19th
Mr Page in the Pulpit as usual, and gave us a very good sermon 22 persons present.
26th Stormed me were without services
Feb 2nd Mr Page present but the audience very small only six were present. The sidewalks were unsafe on account of the ice.
9th Very cold services as usual. Our Pastor and he gave us an excellent sermon only six present. He also attended the funeral of Charles Baker.
16th Services by our Rochester friends on the Lincoln day. There were 24 present.
23rd Services as usual at home. Rev. Mr Page talked for a few minutes with reference to Washington's birthday. There were 8 present.

March 1st

Services as usual by our Pastor Rev Harlan Page. There were 19 present.

8th

Services as usual by Mr Page, 19 present.

15th Services this day were by Mr Crowell Pastor of the Congregational Church of Petersham. He gave us an excellent sermon on Faith. There were 17 present. Mr Page had to attend the funeral of Rev Addison Marsh.

22 Mr Page in the pulpit. It as usual 21 persons present

29 No services on account of a severe storm

April 5th

Mr Page was present and there were 21 present.

12th services as usual by our Pastor. There were 29 present. It was Palm Sunday and more children were present.

19th Easter services with the children taking part & also singing by Mrs Hubbard's class of Young Ladies. Our Pastor gave us an interesting talk on the observance of Easter. There were 40 or more present.

26th

Services as usual by our Pastor Harlan Page 30 present.

May 3 The Lord's Supper was observed this day with an appropriate sermon by our Pastor. There were 23 present

10th Mr Page in the pulpit as usual There were 30 present.

17th Mr Page in the pulpit 18 present.

[illegible] 17, Services as usual by our Pastor, [illegible]

21st [illegible] 2 [illegible]

24th

Services as usual by our Pastor, [illegible]

Oct 4th Services by our Pastor 21 present

11th Services by the Revd [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] 22 present and good attention [illegible]

18th Services by our Pastor on the Lord's Day [illegible]

26 present

Oct 25th Our Pastor in his accustomed place. Sermon on the life and trials of Job. Nearly 30 present giving good attention

Nov 1st Communion Services all day. Rather a small audience only 17 being present.

8th Services by our Pastor Harlan Page. Small attendance 12 present.

15th Services as usual by our Pastor, 15 present

22nd Services as usual by Harlan Page our Pastor 26 present.

29th Services by our Pastor. A very interesting sermon 16 present.

Dec 6 Services by our Pastor 21 present

13th Services by the Rev Mr Smith of Harrel. A Christmas sermon 13

20th Services by our Pastor 15 present

27th Services by our Pastor. A very excellent sermon. 13 present.

Jan 3, 1909

Services

10 Services by our Pastor a small congregation. Funeral in the forenoon of Mr Scott Hayes attended by Mr Rice Pastor of the North Dana Univer-

17 Stormy and forbidding weather, no services

24 Mr Page in the Pulpit. A good sermon only 15 present.

31 Services by our Pastor 15 present

Febu 7 The Lincoln Centennial observed. Mr Page spoke on the very interesting life of our lamented President. 29 present

14th

21 Services by our Pastor, attendance small 12 present.

28th Services by our Pastor. 16 present

March 7th Services by our Pastor and they were very interesting it being the communion Sabbath a small number present several sick
14th Services by our Pastor 15 present

21st Services by the Rev Rufus Hall on Sabbath, also on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. There were good audiences and all seemed to be interested in the services but he left us soon for we need his visits in every family in this community.
28th Services by our Pastor. There were 16 present.
April 4th I was absent
11th Services by our Pastor also an Easter Concert by the Sabbath School Scholars, A very interesting occasion with between sixty & seventy present
18th Services by our Pastor and only 17 present.
25th Mr Page exchanged with Rev Mr Doward Pastor of the New Brunswick Congregational Church. He with his wife favored us with a song in the Zulu language. They are fine singers an audience of thirty.
May 2 Services by our Pastor and very interesting 31 present
9 Services by our Pastor a very good sermon it being communion Sabbath 20 present.
16th Rev Mr Winn supplied or exchanged with our Pastor an excellent sermon about 25 present
23
30th Services by our Pastor and he gave us an excellent sermon. 21 present
June 6th Services by our Pastor 31 present
13 Our Pastor talked to the children it being Children's day 41 present
20th An exchange with the Enfield Minister. He gave us an excellent Sermon, good attention with an audience of 37

June 27th Services by our Pastor an excellent sermon, 34 present.

Sept 5th Services by our Pastor rather a small audience.
12th Mr Page also the Rev Hoyt one of the Officers from the Home Missionary Society was present. A good sermon by Mr Hoyt, 18 present.

19th Services by our Pastor also the communion service was observed, 28 present.
26th Services by our Pastor
Oct 3
10
17
24
31
Nov 7
14
21 Services by Rev Mr Nightengale Baptist from Petersham 18 present
28th Services by our Pastor, 8 present.
Dec 5th Our Pastor present 15
12th Cold and small number present 8
19th Our Pastor present attendance, 3
24th Storm of great severity no services on Sabbath.

present.

January 2nd 1880. Services by our pastor relating to the New Year 22
9th Communion services by our Pastor, Rev Harlan Page 19 present
16th Services by our Pastor 24 present
23rd Services by the same 25 present
30th A very interesting sermon by our Pastor 19 present
February 6th Services by our Pastor 18 present.
13th " " " 17
20th " " " 9
27th " " "

March
6th Mr Page held the service it was communion Sabbath 25 present
13th " " " 25
20th Services by our Pastor 20 present
27th Easter Concert by the School Children and it was one of the best.
2 short addresses by our Pastor 45 present.

April 3
Sermon by our Pastor a pleasant day an audience of 25.
10th " " present 17
17th " " 20
24th Mr Page in his place 15

May 1st Sermon by our Pastor Communion Sabbath 25 present
8th " " " " " present 20
15th " " " " 25
22nd 23
29th 22

June. 5th " " "
12th " "
19th Governor Strong of Kansas delivered an excellent sermon 25
26th Children's Day with their interesting exercises. Sermon by our Pastor gave a short talk.

June 3. our Pastor present & preaching in his usual manner.
Mr Irving & Catholic passed away this morning.

17th Our Pastor exchanged with Revd Mr Crowell Pastor of the Congregational Church of Petersham a small audience. The day was very warm.

17th our Pastor present & an audience of 25.
24th Mr Page with us " " " 27
31st " " " " Audience 30
August 7 Mr Page " "
14 Revd Mr Nightengale 40
21 Revd Harry Brown 35
28 Mr Page 30
Septem 4 Mr Page " "
11 " " 30
18 30
25 25
Oct 2 For these three Sabbaths our Pastor has been speaking to us
9 of the coming man. I regret that the audiences were small 21
16th 19 present

Nov 6
13 Communion services. 12 present
20 A very excellent sermon by our Pastor 20 "
27 We are having very excellent sermons 20
Dec 4th It is to be hoped that our neighbors do not attend church. 12
11th The services of our Pastor should be appreciated 11
18th 11
25th 11

January 1st 1861	Services by our Pastor.	18 present
8th	Communion Services	18
15th		21
22nd		11
29th		10
Feb 5th	Rev Mr Nightengale delivered an excellent sermon	12
12	Our Pastor is giving us excellent advice	15
19		11
26		
March 5th		13
12th		15
19		
April 2	Rev Williams of Greenwich supplied very good preaching	
9	Rev Charles Smith of Barre exchanged with Mr Lane	
16		30
23		21
30		15
May 6th		17 present
14		14
21		15
28		17
June 4th		19
11th		18
18		20

25 Our Pastor observed Childrens day and brought from this church 12 of his Sabbath School and they furnished the music appropriate for such an occasion. Mr G.D. Hoag gave a short talk to the children. An audience of about 50 present. Decorations were beautiful.

July 2nd 1911
Our Pastor with us. A good sermon 13 present
8th Rev C Williams of Greenwich gave us an excellent sermon
The day was one of the hottest that I ever experienced. 12 present.
16th Mr Page present 14
23 Mr Nightingale of Petersham gave us an excellent sermon
30 no services 19 "
Aug 6th Rev Mr Letterman of the Methodist Church in Ware
gave us an excellent sermon 24 "

Sept 24 Our Pastor gave us an excellent sermon 16

Nov 5th Our Communion Season. Our Pastor present
Mr F.D. Stevens was admitted to this church by profession
of faith and the ordinance of Baptism administered.
6 present
12th Rev Harlan Page gave us one of his best sermons. 3 "
19th " " " 4 "
26th " " " 3
Dec 3 Rev Mr C.H. Smith of Barre exchanged with our Pastor 5
10 Rev Harlan Page gave us an excellent sermon. 9
17 " " " 17
24 31st no services on account of Storm 14

January 1912

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Feb 8

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March 3rd No services. Sickness and other hindrances.

10th Our Pastor present, Communion Services. 8 present

17th An excellent sermon on temptation 6 present

24th

April 7th 9 "

14th Our Pastor with us 13 present

21st An excellent Sermon by our Pastor 13 "

28th " 18 "

May 5th " " 14 "

12th " " 16

19th " " 1

26th " " 10

Mr Williams Pastor of the Greenwich Church exchanged with Mr Page and we had an excellent sermon on Patriotism. This service was held in the evening and took the place of our C.E. Soc. meeting.

1. 9. 12 May 10 A meeting of the Church was called seven members present. Mr H.D. Stevens was chosen Moderator. Our Pastor read a portion of scripture and offered Prayer.

June 2 Mr Page was with us as usual a small congregation 11
9 services by our Pastor 10
16 Rev Mr Blanchard preached a very interesting sermon with illustrations it being Childrens day. The topic on which he made so plain and impressive was the Oil of gladness. 20

23 Our Pastor provided a Praise Service rendered in a beautiful manner by his Choir, of his Church in Hardwick where he is a Resident Pastor.
Rev Charles Smith of Barre gave an excellent talk in the Church in the evening to an appreciative audience.

30th Mr Page with us as usual 14

July 7 Our Pastor with us and the regular Communion of the Lord's Supper was observed
14th Our Pastor away on his vacation. Rev Mr Nightengale of the Baptist Church in Petersham was to have supplied but was prevented by a death in his family.
21st
Rev Mr Sanders of Gilbertville witness speaking from that sacred text Jesus Christ, yesterday, to day, and forever. A stormy Sabbath and a small audience.

July 28th Our Pastor present

August 4th

11th Our Pastor present, a very excellent sermon with 4 in attendance

In the evening, Dr Brown of New York gave a Stereopticon entertainment of our Missionary fields in foreign countries. His descriptions of the inhabitants was very interesting and appreciated by a large audience.

8th Rev Lyman Jewett preached to Young Men's Society in the evening. Brother Smith of Barre received the Lord's Supper

21 23rd

Brother Sanders exchanged with Mr Page. He is Pastor of the Congregational Church in Gilbertville.

Dr Brown gave our C.E. Society and all that were invited to attend a Stereopticon entertainment with descriptions of the views of Japan and its country which was very interesting.

Sept 4 Rev Mr Gabbett, a very excellent sermon by our Pastor. It was Communion Sabbath a small attendance.

8th Brother Cope exchanged with the Home Missionary Pastor who was with us and gave us an excellent sermon on the Three Spheres. He are the Salt of the Earth. He also gave us an interesting talk in the evening in our Christian Endeavor meeting.

15th Our faithful Pastor at his post the audiences rather

22nd small.

29th " " "

Oct 6th Rev Page gave us an excellent sermon 11 present
13th Another good sermon Friday 14 " "

1912
Dec 1st Rev Harlan Page our Faithful Pastor for Twenty years closed his services this date

1913
April 1st Rev C G Beardslee came to be the pastor of the Cong Church, and left May - 1914.

Rev Paul E Shannin came and stayed until. Oct 1st 1916.

1916 Dec. 15 Rev E H. Taylor came and was the pastor until. April 1st 1918.

Apr 15
1918 Rev Mr Osborn came to be the pastor

[illegible] College [illegible] has [illegible]
[illegible] came to [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] April [illegible]
[illegible] Mr Brown [illegible]
[illegible] the United Churches - Mrs Dana and

1921

April 24 Mr. Brown preached
May 1 Rev Putnam Webber preached and administered Communion
May 8 Rev Putnam Webber preached "Mothers Day" service
May 15 Mr Brown preached
May 22 Mr. Brown preached
May 29 Memorial services attended by Veterans of all wars. Mr. Brown preached
June 5 Mr. Brown preached
June 12 Children's Day service - Mr. Brown preached. Sunday school was organized
June 19 Mr. Brown preached
June 26 Mr. Brown preached.

(Concord Mass, RFD)

June 26, '21 Fred E. Akers, who united by letter from Gilbertville Cong'l Church with this church, Nov. 4, 1877, was granted a letter of dismissal to the Evang'l Congregational Church of Acton Center, Mass., by action of the church this day. Rec'd by the Acton Church, Sept 18/21. Henry M. Brown, Pastor

July 1 '21 Communion service at 11.15. The church received on reaffirmation of their faith in Christ, Louis R. Wells, formerly a member of the Presbyterian church at Mechanicville, N.Y. and Irene West Wells (Mrs. Louis R.) formerly a member of the Second Congregational Church in Norwich Conn and daughter of its former pastor Rev L. L. West

Henry M. Brown Pastor

July 17, '21 At a special meeting of the church immediately after the morning services the following business was transacted:

(1) Nominations to fill a vacancy in the church clerk'ship were called for. Mrs Nellie Durkee being the only nominee, the clerk pro tem. was instructed to cast one ballot for Mrs Durkee

(2) A motion was carried that the canning club be permitted the use of the church vestry on condition that it be kept in good order, the fuel to be furnished by the club

(3) It was voted that, with the approval of the parish society, the collections on the first Sunday in February, April, June, August, October, and December be assigned to benevolences; and that the collections on other Sundays be set aside, as the church might decide, for specific causes. If no action were taken, the assignment should be in accordance with the apportionment of the Congregational Societies

(4) It was voted to hold midweek meetings on Wednesday evenings.

L. R. Wells

Clerk Pro Tem.

Aug 21+28 Collection for American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions $9.00

Aug 27/21 Jubilee singers from Straight College, New Orleans (A.M.A.) sang - Mr. Prof Louis J. Luethi manager. Pres. H.A.M. Briggs D.D. Collection $22.39 & subscriptions $28.00 were taken by Prof Luethi as gift of church to A.M.A. (outside apportionment)

Sept 1/21 A Community Picnic was held in U. E. Downes grove on Pottapaug Pond under church auspices. Ice cream sales $6.40 less cost $5.37 netted $1.03 for the church treasury.

Sept 4/21 Communion service. Mr. W. E. Glazier of North Dana, a Congregational deacon assisted the pastor. Miss Margaret Naomi MacArthur formerly a member of the First Congregational church of Denver, Col. was received into membership of the Dana church on reaffirmation of her faith in Christ.

Sept 11/21 Miss Olive Lincoln died at the home of her brother John Lincoln, Greenwich Mass, Funeral Wed. Sept 14/21 at 11 a.m. conducted by Mr. Brown

Sept 16/21 A Sociable was held in the Vestry - Charades were enacted. Ice-cream sales totaled (with cake) $8.10; cost 3.80; net 4.30 given to Mrs Clarke, Treasurer.

Oct 19/21 Joint reception of No. Dana M.E. & Dana Congl Ladies Aid Societies at res. of Mr. Deacon in honor of Golden Wedding of Mr. & Mrs. Whipple Doubleday Oct 17/21.

Oct 22/21 A girls club known as the "S.S.S." was organized at residence of Mr. & Mrs. Brown

Oct 29/21 Hallowe'en sociable given by the "S.S.S."

Nov 6/21 Communion service

Nov. 14, '21 Mrs. Addie A. Harsha died. Funeral service in her late home conducted by Mr. Brown on Thurs Nov. 17 '21 at 1 p. m. age 78 - 5 mos

Jan 4 '21 died Nathan S. Johnson Funeral in the church Mar 7 1921

Oct 5 '23 died Whipple Cornbleday former member & officer of Dana Church

Nov 29 '23 died [Gardner] Leland Johnson Balt. Md. Funeral M. E. Ch. Dec 3 interment Dana Cemetery Dec 4

Dec 14 '23 died Angelia A. Fisher Shattuck (Mrs Irving T) aet 85 yr 6 mos Funeral from Dana Ch Dec. 16 1923 - long a faithful and devoted member of Dana Congl Church

Jan 7 '24 died Mary Baker Bates (Mrs. Melzar) aet 46 Funeral Dana Ch. Jan 9, 2 pm 1928

Feb 5 Mrs Matilda Almquist died, Funeral from Dana Church Feb 7 - 1928. age 78.

April 1922 Rev. Henry M. Brown, D.D. appointed to the church and the Mass Home Missionary Soc. State work Apr. '22 [illegible]

19-3

March 13. Special Meeting at home of Mrs. Amelia Shattuck at 2 P.M. Society meeting called to order by the pastor. Voted and carried that the church unite with the Women's Society for the next year June 1, 1923 - April 1, 1924. Voted and carried that the treasurer join with the Society in making application to the Church - wide Women's Society for aid in paying the pastor's salary for 1923 - April 1, 1924 in the amount of four hundred and fifty dollars ($450.00). On motion the meeting adjourned at 7.45 P.M.

March 9 1924 Special Meeting of the Lana Church and Society.
Voted to call Mr. Henry M. Brown to serve as pastor during the year April 1 1924 – April 1, 1925
Voted that the salary of $850 be paid and that application to the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society be made for a grant of $450 – toward the payment of this amount.

In view of the large amount contributed by the Society Mr. Brown by letter and personal conference with Rev. J. J. Walker in Springfield Apr. 1 asked that the Society reduce its grant by a hundred dollars and that his total salary be reduced by that amount. The matter was laid over until the May meeting of the directors of the M. H. M. S. when the directors voted not to reduce the grant, and to commission Mr. Brown for the year dating from April 1st and aid the Lana Church in the amount of $450 during the year.

July 6 1924. Mr Louis R Wells was elected unanimously to serve as deacon of the Lana Church for one year from to day. He was therefore installed in office. and assisted in administering the Communion.

P. T.

Aug 4. The annual meeting of the Church Society was held in the vestry of the Church [illegible] were present. Dr C Brown then the [illegible] prayer after which he read the report of what the Church had done in Foreign and Home [illegible] the coming year.

Nov 2/24 Letters were voted recommending Gary W Barrows and Clara G Wasson to the Congregational Church 205 summer St Worcester Mass

1925 Mar 1st

[illegible] Church had called to [illegible] appointment of Dr H W Brown for the year 1925. The vote was unanimous [illegible] year beginning from April 1st, 1925 to April 1st, 1926 - Salary $850 Application to Mass Home Mission Soc for grant of $350 toward payment of this and was made

[illegible] annual meeting of the ~~[illegible]~~ Church [illegible] in the vestry of the Congregational [illegible] (?)

Oct 4 1925 At a special meeting after Church service Mrs L. R. Wells, Miss A. R. MacArthur and ~~Mrs Shattuck~~ Mrs. Fisk were chosen as delegates with Dr. & Mrs. Brown to represent the Church at the fall meeting of the Brookfield Association, West Brookfield, Friday October 9 at 9.30 a.m.

Oct 1, 1925 Communion. By vote of the Church Miss Anna Margaret Almquist was elected to membership and was received into the Church by the pastor.

Jan 3, 1926 Communion By vote of the Church Harry Sumner Witt and Kittie Mae Witt (Mrs. H. S.) of Perth Amboy were received into membership on confession of faith.

1926.
Mar 21st.

Meeting of the Church was called after the Church service. The Pastor (Dr Brown) called the meeting to order and the following business was transacted.
(1st) Moved and carried that the Church invite Dr Brown to remain another year as pastor from April 1st 1926 to April 1st 1927. The vote was unanimous
(2) Moved and carried that the salary $850 be paid also that application for $500. be made to the Home Missionary Society toward the payment of this salary.
There were six (6) members present.
meeting then adjourned N. L. Dunlee Clerk

Aug. 2, 1926 The annual meeting of the church was held in the vestry. In the absence of Mrs Walker L R Wells was chosen clerk pro tem. The moderator, Dr. Brown, read a letter from Dr. J. J. Walker commending the women for their work in raising funds for the past year. The vote was carried that the trustees and deacons take steps to [illegible] the roll of the church. Dr Brown reported on the church benevolences for the past year, and also gave a report of the activities of the Sunday School.

L. R. Wells & Charles Templeton were chosen deacons for the next year. Dr Brown Dr D. McCrary [illegible], and Nellie L. Tucker [illegible].

Meeting then adjourned.

1927.

Mar 18. Meeting of the church and society was held after the church service. Dr Brown called the meeting to order. There were seven members present.

First the vote was unanimous in calling Dr Brown for another year beginning April 1st 1927.

Second it was voted to keep $1.00 salary same as last year.

also that application for $250 be made to the Home Missionary Society. It was voted that the clerk Harry Hitt, Nellie Tucker, sign the application and send it into the Home Missionary Society.

Meeting was then adjourned

Nellie L. Tucker Clerk

1927

June 12 Children's Day. Children were baptized by the pastor Dr. Perry M. Brown.

Dorothy and Jeannette Chilcote, Ruth Cadie, Mary Ella, Earl and Dwight " " Albert Lane, Mary Dana and Edna Chilcote, Dorothy Lane, Gaylord Kelly, Carl Pickard, Madison [illegible].

1927 The annual meeting of the church was held. [illegible] were endorsed [illegible]

Dr. Brown as moderator called the meeting to order and offered prayer. The minutes of the meeting for 2nd 1926 were read and approved. Dr. Brown gave a report on the church benevolences also a report of the Sunday school. It was moved and carried that the [illegible] be accepted. The officers for the coming year, Clerk, Nellie Duke, Treas. L. R. Kelly, Chorister, Sunday school [illegible] Dr. Brown, Also voted to give Dr. Brown a vacation of a month. The meeting was then adjourned.

Nellie J. Duke clerk.

1928.

Mar 4.

A meeting of the Church and society was held Sunday afternoon three o'clock. after the Church service. There were seven members present. The meeting was for the purpose of retaining Dr Brown for another year beginning April 1st 1928. It was a unanimous vote that Dr Brown continue as our pastor for the coming year. also voted that a salary of $850. be paid the same as last year. and an application of $185. be made to the Home Missionary Society. And the application be signed by Chas. Alnquist, Harry Pitt and Nellie Durkee. There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Nellie G. Durkee Clerk.

July 29 At the Sunday morning service July 29 1928 Pauline Dustin daughter of Harold S and Marjorie Ciel Johnson, born Boston Mass Mar. 30 1928 received Christian baptism

1928

Aug. 6. The Annual meeting of the Church was held in the Vestry at 8 o'clock. 6 members present. Dr. Brown called the meeting to order. Mrs. Herman L. Powell of New York offered prayer. Dr. Brown made moderator.

The minutes of the last annual meeting, Aug. 1, 1927, were read and approved; also the minutes of the meeting of March 4, 1928 were read and approved.

An abbreviated report of the Treasurer of the Ladies aid was read and approved, showing $190.30 expended - for music & salary, repair of Church & parsonage, electricity, Church and other expenses - also $26 for flood sufferers in New England.

A partial report of the Church Treasurer by Mrs. F.C. Nelles was read and accepted and audited by two members of the Financial Committee. Vice President of the Ladies aid - Mrs. A. M. Brown reported 23 all-day meetings and 3 business - since Aug. 1, 1927. Dr. Brown's report as S. School Supt. was read and approved.

Two deacons were elected by ballot, Louis R. Willis and Charles Minquish. Mrs. Nellie Dunbee was re-elected Clerk of the Church and Dr. A. M. Brown as superintendent of the Sunday School. Financial Committee elected were Louis R. Willis, Charles Minquish and Margaret N. MacArthur.

Nellie L. Dunbee.

per Margaret N. MacArthur

1929
March 24

A special meeting of the church was held at the close of church service March 24, 1929 at 3 p.m. Mr H M Brown presided. Five members present. A motion was carried to extend the call of the church to Mr. Brown to serve as pastor for the year beginning April 1, 1929. The motion was duly made and carried to pay Mr. Brown eight hundred and fifty dollars for his service. Motion was made and carried that application for aid be made to the Massachusetts Congregational Conference and Missionary Society in the amount of $150.00 being a reduction of twenty dollars from the grant of $180.00 received last year. Mr. Kingman and Mr. Hill were asked to sign the application in behalf of the church.

Mrs. H. S. Witt, Clerk pro tem.

April 1st A letter received from the Massachusetts Congregational Missionary Society, a grant of a $150.00 was made to the Church for three months, beginning April 1st, for the support of Rev Henry H. Brown as minister, also their appreciation that the grant had been reduced $8.00 from $158 last year.

Mrs. H. S. Witt, Clerk.

1929.

May 5 A special meeting was held after the church service to elect delegates to attend the annual [illegible] meeting of the Conference to be held at [illegible] May 7-11.
The delegates were [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]

June 8. Was observed as Children's Day, and three children were given baptism.

Ruth Arlene, and Marilyn Joilder children of Raymond and Hersey Wilder

Florence May, daughter of [illegible] and Annie Belle Ryder Cooley.

1927

[illegible] at 6 o'clock evening, six

M. Brown was [illegible]

[illegible] was 178 [illegible]

[illegible] following business was transacted

election of officers. Clerk [illegible] deacons. Louis R. Wells, Charles [illegible]

school Supt. Rev Henry M. Brown.

There being no other business meeting adjourned

Nellie [illegible] Clerk.

1930

Mar 23 A special meeting of the Church was held after service on Sunday March 23, 1930 and called to order by the Clerk at 3 p.m. Ten members were present. It was voted to call Rev. Henry M. Brown to serve as Pastor for the year beginning April 1, 1930; to fix the pastor's salary at $850 and to make application to the Hazard Congregational Conference and Missionary Society for a grant of $120 as part of the salary. On motion Mr. Samuel J. Gardine, Mr. Frank [illegible] and Mr. [illegible] Hall were elected a committee to sign the application in behalf of the Church. On motion the meeting adjourned

Permission to [illegible] Price [illegible] for term

Aug 4, 1930

The Church held its annual meeting in the vestry at eight o'clock, P.M., five members being present. Dr Brown, the presiding officer opened the meeting with prayer. Then followed reading of the minutes of the meeting of Mar. 24. Dr Brown gave an interesting account of the work of the church during the past year and also of the financial condition of the church & Sunday school.

The election resulted as follows: for Deacons Mr Joyner and Mr. Wells; for Clerk, Mr Wells; for Sunday-school Superintendent, Dr Brown

The meeting adjourned.

L P Wells, Clerk pro. tem.

Mar. 15, 1931.

A special meeting of the Dana Congregational Church was held at the close of service Sunday, 3 P.M., March 15, with the Pastor in the chair.

It was voted to call the Pastor, Rev. Henry M. Brown, D.D. to serve for the coming year and to pay him a salary of $850.00 It was further voted to make application to the Massachusetts Congregational Conference and Missionary Society for $120.00 as aid to the support of the pastor during the year beginning Apr. 1, 1931.

Mr. Darling & Mr. Joyner were chosen as a committee to sign the application in behalf of the church.

Meeting adjourned — Recording Clerk.

Aug 4, 1931.

The regular meeting of the Dana Congregational Church was held in the church Aug. 4, 1931. This was an adjourned meeting from Aug. 3 owing to the lack of lights caused by a thunder storm.

The meeting, at which there were 6 present, was presided over by Rev. Henry M. Brown, who opened with prayer. Dr. Brown then gave a report on the progress of the church and sunday school for the preceding year. The attendance at both church + sunday school was reported as ~~being~~ having been very good - the membership of the church being 28, with 13 absentees, + the enrollment of the sunday school 35 a loss of 15. The death of Miss Fannie Doane Feb 19, 1931 was noted. Special attention was called to the efficient + generous assistance rendered by the Ladies' Aid Society + an account given of Troop 28 of Dana of the Monadnock Council of Boy Scouts.

The following officers were elected:

Clerk Louis R Wells

Deacons Louis R Wells

Mr Joyner

S.S. Supt Rev. Henry M. Brown.

A motion was carried that the church approve of the continuance of Troop 28 under the church sponsorship + that the committee Louis R Wells + Raymond Welldes be empowered to choose the third member of the committee.

The meeting then adjourned.

L R Wells Clerk

1932.

Mar. 13. A special meeting of the Dana Congregational Church was held at the close of service. Sunday 3 P.M. March 13, with the Pastor, Dr. Henry M. Brown in the Chair. Miss M. MacArthur elected Temporary Clerk. The minutes of the meeting Aug. 4 1931, were read and approved. It was voted to call the Pastor, Rev. Henry M. Brown, D.D. to serve for the coming year - at a salary of $800.00. It was further voted to make application to the Massachusetts Congregational Conference and Missionary Society for $120.00 as aid to the support of the Pastor during the year beginning April 1, 1932. Mr. S.S. Darling - Mr. Harry Wilt, and Miss Margaret MacArthur were chosen as a committee to sign the application in behalf of the Church. The meeting adjourned.

Margaret M. MacArthur - acting Clerk.

Aug. 1. The annual meeting of the Dana Congregational Church was held in the church at 8 P.M. with Dr. H. M. Brown as Moderator, Miss M. MacArthur as Clerk protem. The report of the pastor for the Church and Sunday school was read and approved. The Treasurer's report for the Ladies aid was read by Mrs. H. M. Brown - and the Secretary's report for the L.A. was read by Miss MacArthur - both being approved. A single vote was cast by the Clerk pro tem - for election of the same officers for the coming year, viz. Deacons, F. L. Joyner and L. R. Wells, Clerk L. R. Wells S.S. Supt Dr. H. M. Brown. It was voted to continue Troop 28, Boy Scouts - under auspices of the Church, with the same committee. Raymond Wildes, L. R. Wells, Floyd Gifford - Same to choose Scout Master. On motion carried, the meeting adjourned.

M. MacArthur - Clerk pro tem.

Report of the Sunday Schppl
Dana Congregational Church

August 1, 1932

Treasury---

Aug. 3,1931	deficit	29.21
	total receipts	32.78
		3.57
	total expenditures	28.04
August 1,32	deficit	24.47

Items of income:

collections	24.78
donations	8.00
	32.78

Items of disbursement:

lesson helps	13.04
benevelence	15.00
	28.04

Enrolment:

officers	2
teachers	3
pupils	34
	39

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MARCH 1 2th. TWELVE MEMBERS PRESENT,

A special meeting of The DANA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of Dana Mass. was held after the close of church services on Sunday March 12th, 1933 at 3 P;M with the Pastor Dr. Henry M, Brown. in the chair.
It was moved seconded and unanimously carried that Dr. H.M.BROWN act as Moderator for the meeting and in the absence of the regular Clerk, Mr. L.R.Wells, Harry E. Pollard was elected Clerk Pro Tem.
The report of the pastor on progress of Church was made and approved, also report of the treasurer Mrs. Melise C. Wilder copies of which were ordered filed with the Massachusetts Congregational Conference and Missionary Society.

It was voted to call the Pastor Reverend Henry M. Brown D.D. to serve for the coming year beginning April 1st, 1933, at an annual compensation of $ 850.00 eight hundred and fifty dollars. moved seconded and unanimously carried .

It was also moved seconded and unanimously carried that the Dana Congregational Church and The Dana Congregational Society make application to the Massachusetts Congregational Conference and Missionary Society for $10.00 ten dollars per month or $ 120.00 one hundred and twenty dollars for year beginning April 1st, 1933 to aid in support of the pastor and carrying on the Church work .

The following persons were chosen to sign this application on behalf of the Dana Congregational Church,

Mrs. Bertha A. Price, Miss. Dorothy Darling, Mr. Harry S.Pitt,

The meeting adjourned at 3; 30 P;M Sunday March 12th, 1933.

Harry E. Pollard
Clerk Pro Tem

Aug. 7. 1933

The regular meeting of the Dana Congregational Church was held in the church August 7, with seven members present. Dr. H. M. Brown opened with prayer. The minutes of the special meetings for Aug. 12, 1932, and of the regular meeting of Mar. 1, 1932 were read & accepted. The Pastor's report noted five new members for the year, and the death of Mrs. S. S. Darling. The reports of the scout master & Sunday school superintendent were read and approved. Special mention was made of the fine work of Miss Southworth with the girl scouts. Dr. Brown, in the absence of Mrs. Brown, read her report as treasurer of the Ladies' Aid Society. The report was approved.

In the election of officers the following persons were chosen:

Deacons: F. L. Joyner, S. S. Darling & L. R. Wells. Clerk, L. R. Wells; S.S. Supt., Dr. H. M. Brown. Meeting adjourned.

L. R. Wells, Clerk

Report of the Treasurer of the Ladies Aid Soc. of the Congregational Church at Dana to the annual meeting of the church, August 7, 1933.

Aug. 25,1932	balance	242.25
	receipts of year	199.97
		442.22
	expenditures of year	335.48
Aug.7,1933	balance	107.74

Items of income:

1.Collections and gifts	29.30
2.Suppers and sales	167.95
3.Bank interest	2.72
total	199.97

Items of expenditure

1.Church support	250.00
2.Flowers	11.50
3.Missions	7.00
4.Village Improvement Soc.	10.00
5.Hallowe'en Party	2.00
6.New fittings and repairs	36.02
7.Materials and supplies	18.96
total	335.48

Funds on hand and in bank 113.90

19.11

Items of expenditure:

Benevolences	8.32
Supplies	9.04

March 25, 1934

A special meeting of the church, pursuant called, was held at the close of service (3 p.m.) on Sunday March 25, 1934 with the pastor in the chair. Mrs. Emma M. Coty was appointed clerk pro tem in the absence of Mr. L. A. Stotts, church clerk.

The chairman read the call for the meeting. Explained the financial condition of the church and stated that we were obliged to adjust our budget to meet the income, which is less than our income last year by $1,170.00. It is also $750.00 less than our budget.

It was voted to go to the Conference with a budget of $1,200 toward the pastor's salary for the year.

Mrs. Jessie Stotts, Mrs. Frank Brown and Mrs. Luella Ament were elected as a committee to assist the committee in the organization of the church.

On motion the church adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Emma M. Coty pro tem
per Stotts

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At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Massachusetts Congregational Conference and Missionary Society held April 23, 1934 a grant of One Hundred twenty Dollars was made to the Cong'l Church, Dana for twelve months beginning April 1, 1934, for the support of Rev. Henry M. Brown as minister.

Frederick Harlan Page
President

Dana. Mass.
August-6-1934.

The regular meeting of the Dana Congregational Church was held in the Church, August 6 - at 8 o'clock P.M. with seven members present. Dr. H. M. Brown, Pastor, opened the meeting with prayer. In the absence of L. R. Wells, the minutes of the last meeting (regular) were read by Miss MacArthur.

The pastor read his report of the past year. Enrolment of Church members 27 - (male 6): absentees 15. During the year Deaths 1. baptisms 5 marriages 5. funerals 4. attendance for year 956. average 20 - for past 3 mos. 25. S.S. enrolment 16. Average for year 12.9. Treas.r's report showed benevolences $77.00.

Report of Mrs. Adele Brown, Treas.r of Ladies aid was read. The Society had contributed 200 for support of Church, besides repairs of furnace, etc.

Election of officers was as follows: Deacons, Samuel S. Darling and Louis R. Wells. Louis R. Wells, Clerk. Dr. H. M. Brown, Supt. of Sunday School.

On the pastor's recommendation, the following names, (not heard from in 10 yrs or more) were stricken from the list of members: Mrs Paul E. Shannon - Mrs. Dewey Richards, Mrs. Irene Cassels.

As there was no other business - the meeting adjourned.

Margaret N. MacArthur.
as Clerk pro tem - for
Louis R. Wells - Clerk.

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Ralph A. Limberlake
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Dana, Mass.,
March 9, 1935.

A Special Meeting of the Dana Congregational Church was held in the schoolhouse at the close of service Sunday March 9 1935 at 3 p. m. with seven present. Mr. H. M. Bunn called the meeting to order and in the absence of L. K. Wells clerk appointed Mrs. Bertha A. Price clerk pro tempore.

A motion to call Mr. Bunn as pastor for the year beginning April 1, 1935 was carried unanimously.

It was voted to fix the salary of the pastor at $750 for the year.

It was voted that an application to the Mass. Home Missionary Society for $120.00 for the year as aid in the support of the pastor be made.

It was voted that the application be signed by Mrs. Bertha A. Price Mr. Frank S. Witt and Mrs. Ruthann L. Witt for the Church.

On motion the church meeting adjourned.

Bertha A. Price pro tem
Clerk pro tem.

Aug 5, 1935.

The annual meeting of the Church and Society was held in the church auditorium at 8 P.M. Dr. Brown acted as moderator and opened the meeting with prayer. Then followed reading acceptance of the minutes of the meetings of August, 1934 & March 1935.

The report of the pastor and Sunday School superintendent followed. Then reports showed the total membership of the church to be 26 and of the Sunday school 18. There were during the year two new members added to the church — Mrs Leslie Cooley and her daughter, Louise. Then were also reports of Sunday school treasury and of the Ladies Aid society.

A resolution expressing gratitude to Mr. Nickerson for his work with the music was passed & one to the Ladies Aid for their work and financial assistance during the year.

Elections:

Deacons Mr Darling & Mr Wells
Clerk Mr Wells
S.S. Supt. Dr Brown.

Meeting adjourned

L. R. Wells, Clerk.

Aug. 3, 1936.

The Dana Congregational Church held its annual meeting in the auditorium at 8 P.M. There were ten members present. Dr. Brown, who presided opened with prayer. The minutes of the last annual meeting were then read and were approved.

The report of the Pastor showed a total enrollment of 36, eleven of whom no longer reside in the parish. There were 11 new members taken into the church during the year.

Mrs. Brown, Treasurer of the Ladies' Aid, read her customary favorable report. The report showed that the society had contributed to the support of the church $75.00 and to other expenses $53.00, with a balance still in the treasury of $100.00.

On the ballots which followed the members chose for Deacons Mr. Witt + Mr. Wells, for clerk Mr. Clay + for S.S. Superintendent Miss Grace Southworth. It was voted also to extend the ~~an indefinite~~ call to the Pastor, Mr. Brown for an indefinite period, and to fix the Pastor's salary for the year 1936-37, at $52.00.

The meeting then adjourned.

Louis G. Wells, Clerk.

Aug 2, 1937

At 7:30 P.M. this day the annual meeting of the Dana Congregational Church was opened with prayer by Dr. Brown, the Pastor.

After the reading of the report of the previous annual meeting the Pastor gave his report. During the year, the report showed, there had been a decline of seven in church membership David & Donald Pollard having moved to Springfield & no new members having been added. The church also had felt with sadness the loss by death of four non-member friends viz. Mrs. La Plante, Mrs. Southworth, Mrs. Nickerson, & Mr. Pollard. Sunday school had been held one half of the Sundays, Misses Grace Southworth, Helen Steves & Louise Cooley teachers. Of the total of 48 Church services 23 were held in Dana Center, some services having been omitted owing to the illness of the Pastor.

The report of the Ladies' Aid showed expenditures of $219.12 & a balance of $206.45.

The elections resulted as follows:

Deacons Mr Witt & Mr Wells
Clerk Mr Wells
S.S. Supt. Helen Steves

After voting to ask the Parish Society to appropriate $25.00 for Congregational benevolence, the meeting adjourned

Louise R Wells, Clerk

May 8, 1937 Miss Faith Janet Humphreys was received into Church membership on confession of faith and baptism

June 5 1938 Donald J. Grant Southworth (baptized in the Episcopal church in infancy) was received into membership on confession of faith
Doris Corbett Southworth (Mrs. Donald J.) was received on confession of faith and baptism
Mary Grace Southworth was received on confession of faith and baptism

At the regular morning service of the Congregational church July 31st 1938 it was voted that this be the closing service of the church, and that a devotional meeting be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday next if any attendants still remain in town.

Voted that Letters of Dismission for all members on the roll to such churches as they select be issued by the Clerk or Pastor.

Voted that the Pastor's resignation be accepted to take effect September 1, 1938, and recommended that all regular salaries be discontinued by the Society after Sept. 1st 1938.

Voted that the church dissolve September 1, 1938

Louis R Wells

Silas Johnson & wife
S. L. Johnson wife & mother Martha Johnson
Mr S. Lincoln
Judson Spooner & wife
L. Fisher & wife
~~Hudson Hathaway~~ & wife) Hudson Hathaway died 1875 Aug 6
Mary A. Doane - (divorced)
Mrs Lavina J. Hathaway
Mrs Sally Thayer
Mrs Angela Shattuck
Mrs Emeline Shattuck
Dead - Mrs Susan Robbins sister of Mr Fisher
William Slaney & wife & mother
(Rev Mr & Mrs Leonard & dau Beals (dis)
Mr Timothy Stone. dau Bedell.

Dinner Mass

1887 reported 36 members

Minutes of
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